(c) The following schemes have been introduced during the 10th Plan for development of tourism in the country:-

1. Integrated Development of Tourist Circuits.
2. Product/Infrastructure and Destination Development.
3. Assistance for Large Revenue Generating Projects.

Bringing back Saraswati Idol

2982. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
DR. AKHILESH DAS:
SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to bring back the Saraswati idol, taken away from the disputed Bhojshala/Kamal Moula Mosque by the British and is installed in the London Museum; and

(b) if so, the steps taken so far in this regard to bring back the Idol and to restore it in the temple?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) Ministry of External Affairs has been requested to make attempts to bring back the Idol through diplomatic channels.

Contribution by Raja Rammohun Roy foundation for opening of new libraries

2983. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of funds contributed by Raja Rammohun Roy Foundation for opening new libraries and refurbishing the existing libraries in the country;

(b) whether Government are satisfied that the Foundation has achieved the objective for what it was created; and

(c) whether it has been able to start library movement in the country?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) During the last 10 years an assistance of Rs. 72.01 crores has been given in refurbishing more than 30,000 existing libraries.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir. Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation has been successful in supporting the library movement in the country to a considerable extent.

Maintenance of ASI sites by private parties

2984. SHRI LALIT SURI : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under its consideration to handover Archaeological Survey of India properties/sites to private persons or organizations for proper maintenance and upkeep;

(b) if so, whether such properties/sites have been identified;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the terms on which these are proposed to be given to private persons/organizations?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Question does not arise.

Maintenance of Razia Sultana Tomb in Delhi

†2985. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tomb of Razia Sultana at Turkman Gate in Delhi has been recognised as historical heritage;

(b) if so, the steps Government are taking for the maintenance of this tomb;

(c) whether Government are aware that this tomb has been encroached upon from all sides; and

(d) if so, Government's plan to facilitate the tourists to visit this place of international importance easily?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.